

**Minutes From a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on
February 19, 1999 Hall 769 SGW Campus**

Present: Dr. D. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Mr. B. Boncore, Ms C. Boujaklian, Mr. W. Curran, Ms J. Deri, Ms A. Ghadban, Dr. S.M. Graub, Ms. K. Hedrich, Mr. D. Hinton, Dr. J. Jans, Ms A. Kerby, Ms L. Lipscombe, Mr. B. MacIver, Ms T. Ryan, Dr. F. Shaver, Ms L. Toscano, Mr. H. Zarins.

Absent with Regrets: Mr. C. Dennis, Mr. R. Côté, Mr. R. Green, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. M. Logan, Ms A. Siano, Mr. V. Francisco

Delegates: Ms C. Hedrich represented Ms. A. Vroom

Guests: Mr. C. Emond, Ms S. Dumais, Mr. T. Hyun An

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approved the agenda was made by Mr. Boncore and seconded by Ms Ryan.

The Motion was carried unanimously

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Boisvert informed Council that upon the recommendation of CCSL the University Senate had appointed to CCSL a second faculty member, Dr. J. Jans. Dr. Boisvert extended a warm welcome to Dr. Jans.

Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the appointment of Mr. R. Côté as Assistant Dean of Students (Assessment). A letter concerning the appointment was distributed to Council.

Dr. Boisvert informed Council that he has asked Mr. K. Pruden, Coordinator, Student Affairs, to research the different ways the University could recognize or honour students who participate actively on university committees, councils, etc. He has asked Mr. Pruden to report back to CCSL in the Fall of 1999 at the latest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 1998

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Ghadban and seconded by Dr. Graub.

The Motion was carried unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS:

5.1 International/Ethnic Association Council. Dr. Bosivert introduced Mr. Tae Hyun An, Chair of the IEAC. Mr. Hyun informed Council that the IEAC, the umbrella association for 14 ethnic/cultural associations, receives a budget of \$32,000 from CCSL

and is recognized by and responsible to the Dean of Students. He spoke briefly about the history of the IEAC and the different concerns these associations have. He felt the existence of the IEAC at the University was important in order to "push limits", provide education outside the classroom, abolish stereotyping, organize events and ensure a connection with the community. Council asked for the background or the history of why the IEAC was under the umbrella of the Dean of Students Office. Dr. Boisvert explained that approximately thirty years ago, after Computer Riots at Sir George Williams University, the IEAC was moved under the umbrella of the SGW Dean of Students Office, possibly as a safeguard measure and a form of trusteeship. Ms Kerby added that at that time, international/ethnic groups at Loyola College were recognized under the umbrella of the Loyola Students Association. At the time of the merger the status quo was maintained. However this issue of funding has been raised before at Council. A lengthy discussion followed concerning possible connection/alliance with CSU. It was felt that this would offer more resources and improve funding. It was also noted that there was in existence an international students association (CISA) recognized by the CSU. Mr. Hyun felt strongly that the mission statement of the IEAC differed from the CSU and could present a conflict of interest. He also felt that CISA was more representative of the international /exchange students who were only here for a specific period of time, and therefore catered to their specific needs. He reiterated that the IEAC was not a political organization but rather a cultural one that contributed to the Concordia mosaic. Dr. Boisvert thanked Mr. Hyun for a most interesting presentation.

5.2 Health Services: Wellness. Dr. Boisvert introduced Ms. Suzanne Dumais, a Nurse from Health Services. Ms Dumais distributed a package on "Your Guide to Wellness". Through the use of overheads, Ms Dumais explained how the program evolved and worked. She pointed out how wellness was a personal, subjective definition and could easily differ from person to person. She explained how a student's "wellness" has a direct impact on his/her results or experience at University. There were 5 basic points of the program - an overview of what wellness means to you, a self-evaluation using the wellness wheel, a computerized lifestyle quiz, an update of your personal prevention record and setting goals and objectives for lifestyle change. A nurse accompanies the student through each of these steps and provides individual support and referrals when necessary. Ms Dumais informed Council that Health Services has applied to present this program at CACUSS 99. During the discussion that followed, Council members agreed that this innovative program was truly beneficial to our students. Ms Kerby asked if Health Services had considered looking at a particularly identifiable group of students (i.e. international, disabled) to see how this profile fits these segments of our population. Ms Dumais agreed that was a great idea and would be pursued. Dr. Boisvert thanked Ms Dumais for a very thought-provoking presentation.

Dr. Boisvert confirmed that the presentation at the March CCSL meeting would be Counselling & Development's "Student Success Centre".

6. Student Life Issues

Mr. Hinton raised the issue of the clocks in the Hall Building. Although the system is new, the clocks are not synchronized and the difference in time can be as much as an hour. He questioned why it is not possible to have all the clocks with the correct time. Ms Boujaklian agreed to look into the situation.

Mr. Hinton also asked when the Hall Building would be relamped as this had been an issue discussed last year at CCSL. Ms Boujaklian replied that the relamping had been

completed in the Library Building but as there were still some "kinks" to work out, it had been decided not to start work on the Hall Building until the system was up and running correctly in the Library Building.

Dr. Shaver raised the issue concerning confusing signage at the University. She spoke specifically about the Loyola Campus where the Administration, Central, Refectory and the PY Building are all inter-connected. The different floors are identified but there are no indications of what Building you are in, so it can be very confusing and frustrating. Ms Boujakian said the unwritten policy had always been that once you have entered a Building just the room/floor numbers would be indicated. However, she agreed that the situation at Loyola could be confusing and agreed to see how best to remedy the situation.

Ms Ryan asked for clarification on the policy concerning food being served or sold at Concordia. Mr. MacIver reiterated that the food services contract ensures that food served on campus by either university departments, student organizations or individuals must be provided by Marriott Foods. The only exceptions to this rule are the following areas: Mezz Cafe, Reggie's, The Hive, Cafe X and the Campus Centre. These locations are considered 'student operated' as opposed to "university operated". Mr. MacIver also explained that university departments or individuals must use the university clearing house for any events involving alcohol. Recognized student organizations only may apply directly to the Dean of Students Office for permission to go to the Régie to obtain a temporary permit for university areas that are not already licensed. For example, a recognized student organization wishing to have a wine & cheese event in the GSA Lounge (Annex T) is not obligated to use the University Clearing House to purchase their alcohol, but food served at this event must be purchased through Marriott Foods.

Ms Kerby apologized for any inconveniences caused to the university community as result of the renovations to the Services For Disabled Students area. She felt strongly that the long term benefits will be most beneficial to the university. If any problems have been encountered, she encouraged people to contact Mr. Leo Bissonnette, Coordinator of Services for Disabled Students, directly.

Ms Kerby invited Council to check out the new web page "Black Community Initiative" which has just been launched to coincide with Black History Month. As this is a pilot project, she welcomed feedback.

Mr. Hinton asked if there was student representation on the Computer Resources Committee. Mr. Emond replied that to his knowledge there was no student representation on this committee. Dr. Boisvert spoke briefly about the number of student vacancies on committees or task forces. The fact that students are not participating or sitting on University boards is a serious issue. He drew Council's attention to that fact that there have been two vacant undergraduate positions on CCSL since September. Several members of Council asked whether CCSL could appoint interested students. Dr. Boisvert informed Council that it was a hard earned right of the CSU to appoint students to these committees and he felt strongly that CCSL should not replace the CSU. A lengthy discussion followed. Dr. Shaver said there are a number of problems underlying the lack of student involvement. With so many of our students working in addition to their studies, lack of time is probably the most prevalent factor. A discussion followed on the different ways the University can alert students to the importance of student involvement as well as ensuring that students are aware of the many committees/task forces that exist and require student participation. Different ways of showing recognition were discussed, including

remuneration or receiving credits. Mr. Emond felt that recognition of student involvement was very important but he felt that financial remuneration may not be feasible given the University's diminishing funds. However he felt the idea of integrating student involvement into the classroom experience was an interesting one. Dr. Boisvert expressed concern that representational rights of students may be in jeopardy. Dr. Shaver agreed, adding that faculty councils need student input in order to see the bigger picture. Ms Deri felt strongly that the CSU should be aware of these issues. Dr. Boisvert agreed and offered to write a letter to Mr. Smaller, CSU President, asking him to bring these concerns to the attention of CSU Council. He also reiterated that a report on this issue would be presented by Mr. Pruden for CCSL in the Fall.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE RECREATION & ATHLETICS BOARD

Ms Kerby informed Council that lack of student representation on the Board has been a problem. Mr. Smaller has been advised of the vacancies and of the importance of student representation. Therefore it has been almost impossible for the Board to meet. However, she assured Council that research on the addition/deletion of sports, the classification of sports, funding ideas as well as the issue of accountability are continuing nonetheless. She expected the Board to meet in the next month. Mr. Emond confirmed that the Real Estate Committee will be looking at new acquisitions. He added that the Dean of Students is a member of that committee. He felt it was very important in the coming months to have a clear, concise vision for the sports facilities. Dr. Boisvert agreed that CCSL, with the Recreation & Athletic Board, should put forth that vision. Mr. Zarins took the opportunity to inform Council that a number of athletic teams were vying for championship titles including our prestigious Women's Hockey Team. He felt that with limited resources, much was being accomplished.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CCSL Awards Committee. Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the motion that had been distributed. The motion was moved by Ms Ryan and seconded by Mr. Hinton.

Be It Resolved that the Concordia Council on Student Life offer again in 1999 its awards for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life at the University (Merit, Outstanding Contribution, Media and Teaching Excellence Awards).

Be It further resolved that a committee of CCSL be established to select the recipients of the CCSL Awards. The membership of this committee should include:

*2 undergraduate students
1 graduate student
1 Student Services Staff member from CCSL
1 Faculty Member from CCSL
Dean of Students As Chair*

After discussion, Council agreed that the Student Services staff member did not have to be a member of CCSL but would be a Student Services Staff member at large. Dr. Boisvert asked if the motion as amended was agreeable to Council.

The Motion was carried unanimously

The composition of the committee is as follows: Ms T. Ryan, Mr. D. Hinton, Mr. C. Dennis, Mr. K. Pruden, Dr. J. Jans, Dr. Boisvert.

8.2 Commercial Activities at the University. Due to time constraints, Dr. Boisvert asked if Council would agree to defer this issue to the March CCSL meeting. This would also give Council time to review the existing policies (previously distributed) before discussion. Council was in agreement.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, March 19, 1999 AD 131 at Loyola.

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Dr. Graub and seconded by Ms Ryan.

The motion was carried